

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-62 are pending herein, claims 1, 15, 32 and 46 being independent. Claims 28-30 and 59-61 have been canceled. Claims 1, 14, 15, 31, 32, 45, 46 and 62 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over United States Patent No. 6,088,481 (Okamoto, *et al.*) in view of United States Patent No. 5,559,942 (Gough, *et al.*). Applicants have carefully considered the Examiner's rejection, and the reasons given in support thereof, and respectfully submit that the invention as claimed is patentable over the applied combination of Okamoto, *et al.* and Gough, *et al.*

The invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 15, 32 and 46 is directed to apparatus and methods for inputting data to a mobile telephone by use of a semi-transparent window which overlies a portion of a video display in the mobile telephone. The semi-transparent window is used to provide a means for providing handwritten input data to the mobile telephone.

Neither of the applied references teaches use of the devices or methods disclosed therein in or with a mobile telephone.

Okamoto, *et al.* teach a handwriting character input device for use with a "pen input type computer (*see*, col. 1, line 15), or a "general computer" (*see*, col. 1, line 19). No mention is made of a mobile telephone. Similarly, Gough, *et al.* disclose a method and apparatus for providing a note for an application program in a "computer system" (*see* col. 1, line 8) or a "pen-aware computer system" (*see*, col. 1, lines 17-18).

Claims 28 and 59 as filed herein specified that the electronic device with which the invention is used is a telephone. The Examiner rejected those claims, stating that "the combination of Okamoto and Gough teaches the electronic device is a telephone . . . (col. 1, lines 16-34)." (Office Action, page 6). The Examiner did not identify to which patent he referred with the quoted citation, but, in context, it appears to be Gough, *et al.* Gough, *et al.*, however, in the cited passage, discusses "pen-based computer systems" in which "the primary method of inputting data includes a pen or stylus". No mention is made of a telephone, mobile or otherwise. In fact, *neither* patent applied by the Examiner actually refers to a telephone or even a "phone", and neither word even *appears* in either patent.

The primary input device for telephones, mobile or otherwise, heretofore, has been a keypad, which is not capable of receiving handwritten input or serving as a "pen aware computer".

There is no teaching or suggestion in either of the cited patents relied upon by the Examiner in the Office Action that the apparatus or methods disclosed therein could be used with mobile telephones, which are incompatible with the requirements of the apparatus and methods of the cited patents (accepting handwritten input), and there is no suggestion or disclosure of how a prior art mobile telephone could be (or should be) modified to accommodate handwritten input. Therefore, the invention as recited in amended independent claims 1, 15, 32 and 46 is neither taught nor suggested by either reference applied by the Examiner, either alone or in combination.


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the inventions as recited in amended independent claims 1, 15, 32 and 46 is patentable over the combination upon which the examiner has relied, and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore solicited. The remaining dependent claims are patentable for the reasons that the independent claims are patentable.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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